

TREATMENT PROTOCOL: NEAR-DROWNING

1. If submersion greater than 1 hour, consider utilizing Ref. No. 814, Determination/
Pronouncement of Death in the Field
2. Basic airway
3. Spinal immobilization prn
4. Pulse oximetry
5. Oxygen prn
6. Advanced airway prn
7. Cardiac monitor: document rhythm, attach ECG strip if dysrhythmia identified and refer to
appropriate treatment protocol
8. Venous access prn
9. If respiratory wheezing, refer to Ref. No. 1249, Respiratory Distress
10. If altered level of consciousness, refer to Ref. No. 1243, Altered Level of Consciousness
Treatment Protocol
11. If hypothermia, refer to Ref. No. 1229, Hypothermia Treatment Protocol